I, therefore, submit that there is absolutely no point in the objections raised. If those members want me to take away the word national I have no objection. With these words I press this resolution for a division.

Resolution put and negatived.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—A poll, Sir.

The House divided:—Ayes 9, Noes 18 and Neutrals 4.

Ayes.

1	Mr. A. Eachara Menon	5	Mr. P. Krishna Menon
2	,, E. Ikkanda Warriar	6	,, T. K. Nayar
3	,, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri	7	,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
4	,, P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri	8	,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
		9	Dr. K. Sankara Menon.

Noes.

1	Mr. K. Ayyappan	10	Mr. C. J. Mathew
2	,, V. K. Aravindaksha Menon	11	,, I. N. Menon
3	,, C. Barton Wright	12	,, T. Narayana Menon
4	,, George Chakyamuri	13	,, P. Nilakanta Menon
5	,, Joseph Pettah	14	Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao
6	,, U. Kandar Menon	15	Mr. M. K. Raman
7	,, K. P. Kannan Nayar	16	Rama Varmha Tampuran
8	,, S. S. Koder	17	Mr. P. V. Raphael
9	,, K. Krishna Pisharodi	18	,, K. P. Vallon

Neutrals.

1	Dr. A. G. Menon	3	Mr. A. Sankara Poduval
2	Mr. Paul Mampilli	4	Mrs. Swaris.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I do not move.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn

20. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—*This Council recommends to the Government that all full timed Government servants be made eligible for leave and pension.*

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I do not move.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

21. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—*This Council recommends to the Government to allow the clerks in the Government service to attend to their duties in their national dress.*

22. Time—Scale of pay to District Registrars.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhutassan.—The resolution runs thus: "This Council recommends to the Government that with a view to do bare justice to the office of the District Registrars, District Registrars be given a time-scale of pay of Rs. 80-4½-125 with 5 posts in the selection grade, three of Rs. 125-5-150 and two of Rs. 150-10-200."

The existing position is that 16 of these 25 Registrars get Rs. 60 to 80, 7 get 80 to 100 and 2 get Rs. 100 to 125 and one gets Rs. 125 to 150. That is the position after the orders on the Special Finance Committee Report were passed. My point is that this last grade District Registrars now drawing Rs. 60 to 80- and their number is pretty large—are now placed on a par

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with the Head clerks of various offices and the second clerks of certain other offices. That is their position. In reply to a question put by the Member for Narakkal whether there had been any complaint from the District Registrars regarding their pay, the Government has given an answer 'No'. Probably no written complaint might have reached the Government for the reason that generally Government servants feel that if they put in a petition or agitate in any way, they may be taken to task. That must be the reason that no written complaint about the pay of the last grade Registrars has been made. My submission is that they must have approached, sure as anything, the Departmental Head and I know as the matter of fact that the Departmental Head has been approached personally with the request that the pay of the District Registrars, especially of the last grade, *vis.*, Rs. 60 to 80 may be revised. The position now is this. Some of these Registrars in the last grade will have to retire in the same grade. The Government seem to have some sort of inclination towards Graduates-in-Law who while they find that they have no work at the Bar, sometimes get into the post of the District Registrars almost aiming at the highest judicial post, the Chief Court Judgeship and sometimes Diwan's place also, and not to work as Registrar. The Government have got an inclination to accept such gentlemen. If that is the policy of the Government—to have B. Ls. as Registrars or to give some sort of preference to these B. Ls.—then bare justice requires that they must be given at least maintenance wages and something to keep their status. You give them the high appellation of District Registrars. If a person having any experience in the British parts were to hear this, he will at once be impressed with the idea that the District Registrar is a man having a large salary. The District Registrar in British is a man having very high status. The men working as our present District Registrars are known there as Sub-Registrars and not District Registrars. Our Registrars are given a very high name and they are asked to work on Rs. 60—80 and there is no hope for promotion, unless it be by death in the higher grades. The number of posts on Rs. 80—100 is less than half the number of posts in the lower grade of Rs. 60—80. There are 16 posts in the lowest grade and only seven in the grade of Rs. 80—100. This really works a great hardship. So I would request the Government that District Registrars may be given a time-scale of pay of Rs. 80-4½—125. That is the minimum that ought to be done to them so that a Registrar may hope to retire on a monthly pension of about Rs. 50 or 60.

I have tabled this resolution with another object also. The practice now obtaining is that when a vacancy of the Registration Superintendent occurs other Departments are immediately

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disturbed with a double disadvantage. Experience shows that it is the Judicial Department that is disturbed. The Superintendent of Registration knows that he is not going to be a permanent man in that place. His aim is to go back to the Judicial line. Invariably the first grade Munsiff is taken as the Superintendent of Registration. There is therefore no improvement for the Registration Department. He is merely a bird of passage and he has practically no interest in that Department. In answer to a question of mine it has come out that there was a Superintendent of Registration for 31 days. That was the period for which he held that post, because by that time he was required for another office. Another for two months and the majority of cases in recent years have been that the Superintendent of Registration were in their office only for one year or slightly over one year. That is also not a wholesome practice. If the pay of the District Registrars is revised and there is the possibility of having one of the highest paid District Registrars being promoted as the Superintendent of Registration as it ought to be, it will be an incentive for men to stick on to the department. A man having the experience and who knows the department is admittedly the better person to be its head and not a person having no interest or experience in the department. With a view to gain this point also, it is that I have put in the resolution five posts in the selection grade, three of Rs. 125-5-150 and two on Rs. 150-10-200. All Registrars, as such, cannot expect to go into the highest grade of Rs. 150-10-200. Only men of some stuff will be able to get that post.

In passing orders on the Report of the Special Finance Committee some curious observations are seen to have been made. This is how it reads: "The scale of pay proposed by the Committee for District Registrars is approved. The Legislative Council passed a resolution recommending that there should be only two grades of District Registrars, or if as proposed by the Committee the number should be equally distributed among the four grades. If there are only to be two grades the Council does not say what those two grades should be. The recommendation of the special meeting of the Council appointed to go into the question was that there should be equal number in all the four grades. The Legislative Council does not say what those two grades should be, if there are only to be two grades. According to the other part of the resolution the average monthly cost would be as follows:—

Present: Rs. 1,735. Proposed by the Committee: Rs. 2,001. Proposed by the Council: Rs. 2,451. Columns two and three are short by one post, still the increase is large according to the Council's proposal and it cannot therefore be adopted."

The reason was that if the Council's proposal is adopted it will work out a monthly excess amount of Rs. 451. My submission is that if in the pay of 25 persons, it works out an excess of

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Rs. 451 it does not matter much. The persons who are responsible for these orders have thus dismissed the recommendation very lightheartedly. We find that the pay of some of the officers has been revised as the Government likes.

It is to point out the hardship of the District Registrars especially of those in the last grade, that I have tabled this resolution. My prayer is that the House may be pleased to consider this resolution dispassionately and do justice to the officers known as District Registrars.

Resolution lost for want of a seconder.

The following resolution with the amendment was considered withdrawn.

23. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*This Council recommends to the Government to establish a Bureau of Economics and Statistics in the State.*

Amendment.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—*After the word 'Govt.' in the first line insert the following 'to expedite the steps now being taken.'*

As the following resolutions were not moved they were also considered withdrawn.

24. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*This Council recommends to the Government that the practice of filling up vacancies of Registration Superintendents by grafting men from other departments be done away with and the grade and pay of District Registrars be so revised as to make it possible that a Registrar of the 1st grade be promoted as the Registration Superintendent.*

25. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*This Council recommends to the Government that 10 per cent of the posts of District Registrars be reserved for promotion of clerks with approved service.*

26. Thaipooyam to be a public holiday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—This Council recommends to the Government that "൭൭൩൨൭൩൦" be made a public holiday in the State.

Sir, this is a resolution which was once passed by this House. That was a resolution which recommended that Thai Pooyam day be made a public holiday in the State. It does not require any speech from me to make any Member understand the importance of Thai Pooyam. That is a day which is being looked upon by the Hindu population of the State as a very important day. Almost all the Hindus consider it as a sacred day. Other sections also tolerate it to a very great extent, to a greater extent than they look upon the other Hindu religious days. I do not know what really stood in the way of the Government to accept the previous resolution passed by this House. Just to see whether there

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